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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Theodore W. Houston et al. Docket No.: TI-23546  
Serial No: TBD Examiner: TBD  
Filed: 11/08/01 Art Unit: TBD  
For: MEANS FOR FORMING SOI

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

November 8, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above referenced application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 1, before line 1, insert This application claims priority under 35 USC §

A/ 119(e)(1) of provisional applications number 60/259,400 filed 12/30/00.--